

## House Committee Devises Proposal For Muscle Shoals

### Gorgas Steam Plant Eliminated From Ford Plan and Proviso Made for Annual Output of 40,000 Tons

WASHINGTON, May 27 (By The Associated Press).—A proposal for development of the government's nitrate and power projects at Muscle Shoals, Ala., was finally agreed upon to-day by the House Military Committee after more than three months investigation and study of the offers made by Henry Ford, the Alabama Power Company, Frederick Engstrom and Charles L. Parsons.

While the proposal was held in strict-

est confidence by the committee with regard to its various provisions relating to development of the projects, it was learned that the principal changes in the language of the Ford offer and other amendments made by the committee, called for:

1. Capitalization of the company to be created for operation at Muscle Shoals on a basis of \$10,000,000 or more, paid in cash.
2. The elimination of the Gorgas steam plant and transmission line to nitrate plant No. 2.
3. Manufacture annually of 40,000 tons of fixed nitrogen, which shall be mixed with other necessary ingredients to make a properly balanced commercial fertilizer for sale to the public at a net profit not exceeding 8 per cent of the cost of production.
4. Creation of a supervising board of seven members, with power to examine books of the operating company and prevent the selling prices of fertilizers from exceeding the 8 per cent profit allowed the company for manufacturing fertilizers.

The proposal was drafted by the committee, and committee members said it represented a plan it would submit to all persons and interests for acceptance regardless of whether they already had made an offer for the Muscle Shoals properties.

A copy of the committee's draft was given to W. B. Mayo, chief engineer for Mr. Ford, who said he would leave at once for Detroit. The purpose of his visit, it was explained, was to confer with the Detroit manufacturer and ascertain whether Mr. Ford was willing to accept the terms laid down by the committee. After the conference Mr. Mayo said he would return here to give the committee Mr. Ford's answer.

It was understood that elimination of the Gorgas steam plant from the properties at Muscle Shoals, which Mr. Ford included in his proposal, would be the main obstruction in the way of acceptance by Mr. Ford of the committee's plans. Copies of the committee proposal also were made available to officials of the Alabama Power Company, Frederick Engstrom and Charles Parsons.

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